

CALIFORNIA EMT-I REGULATIONS	LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICIES
<p>Basic Scope - all individuals certified in California must be trained and tested in these practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluate the ill or injured patient.</li> <li>2. Render basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients.</li> <li>3. Obtain diagnostic signs to include, but not limited to the assessment of temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness, and pupil status.</li> <li>4. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of mechanical adjuncts to basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.</li> <li>5. Use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. oropharyngeal airway,</li> <li>b. nasopharyngeal airway,</li> <li>c. suction devices,</li> <li>d. basic oxygen delivery devices; and</li> <li>e. manual and mechanical ventilating devices designed for prehospital use.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Use various types of stretchers and body immobilization devices.</li> <li>7. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma.</li> <li>8. Administer oral glucose or sugar solutions.</li> <li>9. Extricate entrapped persons.</li> <li>10. Perform field triage.</li> <li>11. Transport patients.</li> <li>12. Set up for ALS procedures under the direction of a paramedic.</li> <li>13. Perform automated-external defibrillation when authorized by an AED Service Provider.</li> <li>14. Assist patients with the administration of physician prescribed devices, including but not limited to, patient operated medication pumps, sublingual nitroglycerin, and self-administered emergency medications, including epinephrine devices.</li> </ol>	<p>SAME AS CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS EXCEPT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Note: If assistance is given, an ALS unit must be enroute or the patient must be transported immediately to the most accessible receiving facility per <a href="#">Ref. No. 502</a>, Patient Destination.</li> </ol>
<p>Expanded Scope of Practice          The medical director of the local EMS agency may establish policies and procedures to allow a certified EMT-I or a supervised EMT-I student in the prehospital setting and/or during interfacility transport to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitor intravenous lines delivering glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions including Ringer's lactate for volume replacement;</li> <li>2. Monitor, maintain, and adjust, if necessary in order to maintain, a preset rate of flow and turn off the flow of intravenous fluid; and</li> <li>3. Transfer a patient, who is deemed appropriate for transfer by the transferring physician, and who has nasogastric (NG) tubes, gastrostomy tubes, heparin locks, foley catheters, tracheostomy tubes, and/or indwelling vascular access lines. Excluded shall be central venous pressure monitoring devices and arterial lines including Swan Ganz catheters.</li> <li>4. Monitor preexisting vascular access devices and intravenous lines delivering fluids with additional medications pre-approved by the Director of the EMS Authority.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitor preexisting vascular access devices and intravenous lines, adjusted to a TKO rate by hospital personnel, delivering intravenous fluids with the following additional medications:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Folic acid (Vitamin B9) with a maximum of 1mg added to 1000ml of IV solution.</li> <li>b. Multi-vitamins with 1 vial added to 1000ml of IV solution.</li> <li>c. Thiamine (Vitamin B1) with a maximum of 100mg added to 1000ml of IV solution.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Monitor, with an infusion pump, pre-existing vascular access devices and intravenous lines, adjusted to a preset rate of flow by hospital/home health personnel, delivering intravenous fluids with the following additional medications,               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Potassium chloride (KCL) with a maximum of 20mEq added to 1000ml of IV solution.</li> <li>b. Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN).</li> <li>c. Chemotherapeutic agents</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Transfer patients with patient operated medication pumps, used for continuous medication administration with the following additional medications:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Insulin</li> <li>b. Meperidine hydrochloride (Demerol®)</li> <li>c. Morphine sulfate</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<b>NOTE: DOES NOT include transfer of patients with central venous pressure monitoring devices and arterial lines including Swan Ganz catheters.</b>
<b>Optional Skills</b> A local EMS agency <u>may</u> establish policies and procedures for local accreditation of an EMT-I student or certified EMT-I to perform any or all of the following optional skills specified in this section.  <b>NOTE:</b> Optional Skills (b), (c), (f), (g) and (h) will sunset when the EMT-II regulations, Chapter 3 of this Division, is amended to specify the training and certification requirements for a modular EMT-II scope of practice with the exception of (d) administration of naloxone and (e) administration of epinephrine by auto-injector or pre-loaded syringe for suspected anaphylaxis and/or severe asthma.	

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